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Incidents of Opening Hours of Re bellion Reviewed.

PARKER TESTIFY

Day's Labor of the Mili tary Commission.

They Were Wilcox, Nowlein and Bertelmann-Paul Neumann Offers Objection to Jurisdiction of the Court-Two Na tives Testify That Poole Fired the Shot That Killed Carter - Evening Sessions Will Be Held.

R. W. Wilcox, W. C. Lane, James Lane, Sam Nowlein, Henry Bertelmann, Carl Widemaan, Wm. Greig and Louis Marshall were the prisoners P. O. Box 470. under a guard in the barracks.

ecutive Building on the previous day. Several wore bottonieres of carnations and a sprig of maidenhair fern, and were "spruced up" much more than on their first appearance.

At 10:20, when the Court was formally opened, the seats for the spectators were nearly filled. Four ladies were in attendance. Judge Advocate Kinney read the records of the Court of the previous day, which were approvel. The attorneys acting for the prisoners made formal appearance. Mr. Neumann stated that he acted as counsel for R. W. Wilcox, Carl Widemann, Wm. Greig and Louis Marshall, and for the two Lane brothers, in conjunction with Antone Rosa. Mr. Neumann then announced his intention of filing a formal objection to the jurisdiction of the Military Commission, claiming that body had no right to act upon the sentence of the prisoners; that the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus did not abrogate the law of the regular courts. The objection made by the lawyers of the defense reads as follows:

Upon the arraignment before the Commission of Carl Widemann, W. And machinery of every description made to order. Particular attention paid to ships' blacksmithing. Job work excuted of the Commission on the following grounds: That no military or other law exists in the Hawaiian Islands under which a Military Commission is authorized to try any person for a statutory crime. That under the proclamation of martial law the general authority of the Courts of the Republic created by the Constitution continues, and they have authority to conduct all business which comes properly before them, and have the sele authority to try persons accused of offenses such as are specified in the charges before this Commission.

PAUL NEUMANN, A. Rosa, Counsel for the Above Accused. Antone Rosa stated that he had been requested by Mrs. Nowlein to act as counsel for Sam Nowlein but



REGIMENT, N. G H.

Judge Advocate again asked the prisoners if they had any objection to any person serving on the Commission. They all gave a negative reply.

The court was duly sworn, and the following charge, signed by Adjutant-General John H. Soper, read to the prisoners: Charge and specification preferred against R. W. Wilcox, Sam Nowlein, Henry F. Bertelmann, Carl Widemann, Wm. H. C. Greig, Louis Marshall, W. C. Lane, James C. Lane. CHARGE: Treason, by abetting, procuring, counselling, inciting and aiding others to commit treason, and to engage in open rebellion against the Government of the Republic of Hawail, and by attempting by force and arms to overthrow and destroy the same, and by levying war against the same.

SPECIFICATION: That the said R. W. Wilcox, Samuel Nowlein, Henry F. Bertelmann, Carl Widemann, Wm. H. C. Greig, Louis Marshall, W. C. Lane and James C. Lane, on the island of Oahu, one of the Hawailan islands, did at divers times within six months, now last past, commit treason, and did abet, procure, counsel, incite and aid others to commit treason and engage in open rebellion incite and aid others to commit treason and engage in open rebellion
against the Government of the Republic of Hawaii, and to attempt by
force and arms to overthrow and destroy the same, and to levy war
against the same; and at divers times
within one month now last past
did engage in open rebellion against
the Government of the Republic of
Hawaii, and did attempt by force and
arms to overthrow and destroy the
same, and levy war against the same.
Wilcox pleaded guilty to the charge
and specifications as did also Nowlein
and Bertelmann. Carl Widemann,

and Louis Marshall were the prisoners who appeared before the Military Commission yesterday. Although the original thirteen were marched to the barracks, the men mentioned were selected to be tried together, there being against them the specific charge of open rebellion. Walker, Gulick, Seward, Bowler and Rickard were placed under a guard in the barracks.

All the prisoners appeared more at ease than when they came to the Executive Building on the previous day. and Bertelmann. Carl Widemann, out of any or all of his property, real and personal. Any person concealing knowledge of the levying of war against the Government is guilty of misprision of treason, for which the penalty is imprisonment not more than five years and fine not more than

For conspiracy the penalty is a fine of not less than \$500 and not more



Lawyer Neumann, in defending his objection, called attention to the fact that the limit of martial law is in the

No one knew whether they did when men hurried from their beds on the night of January 6th. No man is yet assured of where we stand."

The Court retired for consultation had not been allowed to talk with him. Mr. Kinney asked Mr. Nowlein if he desired Mr. Rosa to act as his counsel or desired any legal advice, to which Nowlein again replied in the Court retired for consultation and with the sent for and examined. Withess consultation and on their return announced that the objection was overruled. The Court retired for consultation and examined. Withess consultation and on their return announced that the objection was overruled. The Court retired for consultation and examined. Withess consultation and on their return announced that the objection was overruled. The Court retired for consultation and examined. Withess consultation and on their return announced that the objection was overruled. The Court had jurisdiction and would proposition, makei, when shot (points out place on diagram); firing that killed consultation and would proposition, makei, when shot (points out place on diagram); firing that killed consultation and would proposition, makei, when shot (points out place on diagram); firing that killed consultation and would proposition, makei, when shot (points out place) are consultation and on their return announced that the objection was announced that the objection was announced there was a demhad not been allowed to talk with him. Mr. Kinney asked Mr. Nowlein if he desired Mr. Rosa to act as his counsel or desired any legal advice, to which Nowlein again replied in the negative.

Arthur A. Wilder was sworn as Court reporter after which the order calling the Commission was again read, and in order to avoid the possibility of a mistake the

sharged together they should be tried

Before the adjournment of the Court Judge-Colonel Whiting announced that the strictest allence must be maintained in the audience, and no signs of approhation or disapprohation would be approhation or disapprohation. was made at five minutes be

AFTERBOON SESSION. Some little time before the Court opened all the seats had been filled and



CAPTAIN J. W. PRATT, ADJUTANT, N. G. H.

many spectators were standing along the sides and rear of the council chamber. A

seconds later.

Deputy-Marshal Arthur M. Brown was the first witness called. He stated he was sent by Marshal Hitchcock to search Henry Bertelmann's place for arms; Captain Robert Parker and five native officers accompanied him; when they reached Bertelmann's house saw a number of natives there; left Captain Parker and other officers near by and returned to town to notify Marshal and get more men; returning met Parker and officers at Sans Souci, to where they had retreated; was informed that one of the officers had been shot; Messrs. C. L. Carter, Alfred Carter, J. B. Castie and Jack Atkinson, who had been stracted by the firing, accompanied the party to Bertelmann's. Atkinson was sent back with a message. On arriving at Bertelby the firing, accompanied the party to Bertelmann's. Atkinson was sent back with a message. On arriving at Bertelmann's, officers were challenged by a native on guard; advanced and found Bertelmann and a woman sitting on the front porch; told Bertelmann had a warrant to search the premises; was requested to read it; went into diningroom with Bertelmann; while reading warrant firing was heard outside; asked Bertelmann what firing meant; he replied. didn't know. At this point a disgram of the Bertelmann premises was introduced by the Judge-Advocate and accepted by the defense. When firing commenced witness ran out back of house; met Parker with Lane boys; both had rifes and belts of cartridges; saw Carter brought into house and examined him; while doing this heard more firing outside, seemingly from direction of town; heard shouting, running and more shooting from toward Diamond Head; went into room with Parker and arrested men; went to Nolte's residence and telephoned to town for assistance; when returned to Bertelmann's found military under the lawyers of the accused should be put in writing and disposed of before the lawyers of the accused should be put in writing and disposed of before the Court took any further action.

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Cross - examined by Counsel Rosa. Found Carter's body on Walkiki side of entrance to boathouse; there were boats Lawyer Neumann, in defending his objection, called attention to the fact that the limit of martial law is in the Commander-in-Chief. If such was the case, then the accused were not given the rights allowed under the constitution. He claimed that the Military Commission had no right to try a crime committed against the Republic of Hawaii, which has civil to courts in which fair trial is given. The accused had a right of appeal to the country and its laws. There was nothing to show that the Commission had any right to act, unless it showed the exigency. The rebellion is over. The Judge Advocate stated that martial law is a law of necessity, in which the question of necessity rests in the discretion of the Executive and nobody can call it in question. The right has been exercised; there is nothing more to say. Referring to the section of the order which allows the courts to proceed with routine business, Mr. Kinney said, "Sound common-sense clearly shows what the intention was, and no man need err therein, though a fool. He refused to argue whether the Executive exercised the right of law judiciously. Answering the objection that the rebellion had been put down and no actual hostilities exist, Mr. Kinney said, "God knows whether they did when men hurried from their beds on the

mann's house. Cross-examined by Counsel Neumann -By request of Mr. Neumann, one of the rifles taken from the Lane boys was sent for and examined. Witness con-